



WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 - 6:00 PM

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that West Valley Water District has called a meeting of the External Affairs Committee to meet in the Administrative Conference Room, 855 W. Base Line Road, Rialto, CA 92376.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The West Valley Water District adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, the District is adopting the State protocol which allows meetings in person and/or via teleconference. Accordingly, it has been determined that all Board and Workshop meetings of the West Valley Water District will be held pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361, the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference and in person. Members of the public may listen and provide public comment via telephone by calling the following number and access code: Dial: (888) 475-4499, Access Code: 840-293-7790 or you may join the meeting using Zoom by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8402937790>. Public comment may also be submitted via email to [administration@wvwd.org](mailto:administration@wvwd.org). If you require additional assistance, please contact [administration@wvwd.org](mailto:administration@wvwd.org).

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Director, Angela Garcia, (Chair)  
Director, Channing Hawkins

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*The public may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. However, the Board of Directors is prohibited by State Law to take action on items not included on the printed agenda.*

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Federal Update - Verbal
2. State Update - Verbal
3. Legislative Update.
4. General Updates to the External Affairs Committee
5. Social Media Report - August 2022.
6. Upcoming Community Events

#### **WVWD Upcoming Community Events**

- Thursday, September 8, 2022, Fontana Chamber Monthly Membership Luncheon  
15556 Summit Ave., Fontana, CA 92336  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Ensen Mason, San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasure/Tax Collector
- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Chilling and Grilling Event (WVWD will have a Booth)  
11 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Jesse Turner Center  
15556 Summit Ave.  
Fontana, CA 92336
- Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
Breakfast with Rialto Chamber  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Sammy's Café
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
2022 Pet A Palooza & Pollution Prevention Fair  
(WVWD will have a Booth)  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Rialto City Hall  
150 S. Palm Avenue  
Rialto, CA 92376
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Landscape Basics (WVWD Workshop)  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Valley Water District

- Friday, September 23, 2022  
Viva La Fiesta - Rialto (WVWD will have a Booth)  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Rialto City Park  
130 E. San Bernardino Ave.  
Rialto, CA 92376
- Saturday, October 1, 2022  
Fundamentos del Paisaje (WVWD Workshop)  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Valley Water District
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
State of the County  
Main Event Starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Let's Move on the Trail - Fontana (WVWD will have a Booth)  
9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.  
Fontana City Hall
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
Breakfast with Rialto Chamber  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Sammy's Café  
298 W. Base Line Rd. Rialto, CA 92376
- Thursday, October 13, 2022  
Fontana Chamber Monthly Membership Luncheon- Speaker  
and location TBD
- Saturday, October 22, 2022  
Irrigation and Water Capture (WVWD Workshop)  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Valley Water District

- Saturday, November 5, 2022  
Oliver P. Roemer Community Tour (Tentative - WVWD will be hosting)  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility

**IV. ADJOURN**

**DECLARATION OF POSTING:**

**I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the West Valley Water District and posted the External Affairs Committee Agenda at the District Offices on September 6, 2022.**



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**Nancy Albitre, Acting Board Secretary**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** September 8, 2022  
**TO:** External Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Van Jew, Acting General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** SEPTEMBER LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Report provides an updated on the 2021-2022 legislative sessions, new related to water and drought conditions. As legislation develops, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the External Affairs Committee.

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2021-2022 Legislative Session concluded on August 31, 2022, the last for the Legislature to pass bills during the regular session.

A copy of the 2022 Legislative Bills monitored by staff is provided as Exhibit "A".

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File

Respectfully Submitted,

*Van Jew*

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Van Jew, Acting General Manager

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. September 2022 Legislative Report

# MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022





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# 2022 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- September 30 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.

## NOVEMBER

- November 8 - Election Day

# LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Bill Number	Title	Summary	Effects on WWVD	Positions
<p>AB 1642 Salas</p>	<p><b>California Environmental Quality Act: water system well and domestic well projects: exemption</b></p>	<p>Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law requires the state board to annually adopt, and update every 3 years, a fund expenditure plan that contains specified information, including, but not limited to, a list of water systems that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Current law requires the state board to develop a drinking water needs assessment to inform the board's annual fund expenditure plan. This bill would exempt from CEQA a project that relates to a well that is part of a water system or to a domestic well that has been designated by the state board as high risk or medium risk in the state board's drinking water assessment and that is designed to mitigate or prevent a failure of the well or the domestic well that would leave residents that rely on the well, the water system to which the well is connected, or the domestic well without an adequate supply of safe drinking water. The bill would require a lead agency that determines that a project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to these provisions to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, as provided.</p>	<p>Exempts from CEQA a project that relates to a well that is part of a water system or to a domestic well designated high risk or medium risk and that is designed to mitigate or prevent a failure of the well or the domestic well that would leave residents that rely on the well without an adequate supply of safe drinking water. The bill would require a lead agency that determines that a project is exempt from CEQA to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk.</p>	<p>ACWA - Favor CSDA - Watch</p> <p>Sent to Governor for Signature</p>
<p>AB 2142 Gabriel</p>	<p><b>Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program</b></p>	<p>The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in conformity with federal income tax law, generally defines "gross income" as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, and provides various exclusions from gross income. Current law provides an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate or voucher from a local water or energy agency or supplier for the purchase or installation of a water conservation water closet, energy efficient clothes washers, and plumbing devices, as specified. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, under both of these laws, provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program.</p>	<p>This bill is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), and would provide a personal income tax exclusion for turf removal, rebates, voucher or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency. This bill will apply for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022 and before January 1, 2027.</p>	<p>ACWA - Support CSDA - Support</p> <p>Sent to Governor for Signature</p>

# LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Bill Number	Title	Summary	Effects on WVWD	Positions
<p>AB 2247 Bloom</p>	<p>PFAS products: disclosure: publicly accessible reporting platform</p>	<p>Current law, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, hold, or offer for sale in commerce of any cosmetic product that contains any of several specified intentionally added ingredients, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), except under specified circumstances. This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to work with the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a publicly accessible reporting platform to collect information about PFAS and products or product components containing regulated PFAS, as defined, being sold, offered for sale, distributed, or offered for promotional purposes in, or imported into, the state. The bill would require, on or before March 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, a manufacturer, as defined, of PFAS or a product or a product component containing regulated PFAS that is sold, offered for sale, distributed, or offered for promotional purposes in, or imported into, the state to register the PFAS or the product or product component containing regulated PFAS, and specified other information, on the publicly accessible reporting platform.</p>	<p>This bill would require manufactures of PFAS to register the PFAS or product or products containing FPAS sold or imported to California publicly accessible reporting platform.</p>	<p>ACWA - Favor CSDA -Support</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>
<p>AB 2449 Rubio</p>	<p>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.</p>	<p>Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health. This bill would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements if at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency's jurisdiction. The bill would impose prescribed requirements for this exception relating to notice, agendas, the means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions. The bill would require the legislative body to implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with federal law.</p>	<p>This bill, sponsored by Three Valleys Municipal Water District makes changes to remote meetings held pursuant to the Brown Act. In contrast to AB 361 (R. Rivas, 2021), this bill does not specifically apply to emergency circumstances; this bill does not require the adoption of emergency resolutions.</p>	<p>ACWA - Support CSDA - Not Yet Considered</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>

# LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Bill Number	Title	Summary	Effects on WVWD	Positions
<p>SB 222 Dodd</p>	<p><b>Water Affordability Assistance Program</b></p>	<p>Would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California. The bill would require the Department of Community Services and Development to develop and administer the Water Rate Assistance Program established by the bill.</p>	<p>This bill would establish a water rate assistance fund to provide assistance for low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship. The Department of Community Services and Development will administer the Water Rate Assistance Program established by the bill. Challenges to the bill is that measure does not contemplaterobust stakeholder or public participation, it does not cap program costs beyond administrative costs and among many other technical challenges, may overburden already struggling system with mandates.</p>	<p>ACWA – Oppose Unless Amended CSDA – Oppose Unless Amended</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>
<p>SB 230 Portantino</p>	<p><b>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern</b></p>	<p>Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct a dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program for 5 years to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on, among other things, the occurrence of constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The bill would require the state board to convene, by an unspecified date, the Science Advisory Panel for 3 years to review and provide recommendations to the state board on CECs for further action, among other duties. The bill would require the state board to provide a final report to the Legislature by June 1, 2026, on the work conducted by the panel.</p>	<p>This bill would require Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct, a dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program for a specified number of years to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on, among other things, the occurrence.</p>	<p>ACWA – Favor CSDA – Support</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>

# LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

Bill Number	Title	Summary	Effects on WWVD	Positions
<p>SB 1157 Hertzberg</p>	<p><b>Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use</b></p>	<p>Current law requires the Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, and including collaboration with and input from stakeholders, to conduct necessary studies and investigations and authorizes the department and the board to jointly recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use. Current law, until January 1, 2025, establishes 55 gallons per capita daily as the standard for indoor residential water use. Existing law establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use, and beginning January 1, 2030, establishes the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use. This bill would eliminate the option of using the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily and the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily, as applicable, or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use.</p>	<p>This bill as introduced, includes the proposed indoor residential water use standards recommended by the Department of Water Resources that was proposed in AB 1434. This bill would lower the indoor water use from 52.5 gallons per capita daily (gpcd) to 47 gpcd beginning January 1, 2025, and from 50 gpcd to 42 gpcd beginning January 1, 2030</p>	<p>ACWA - Oppose Unless Amended CSDA -Oppose Unless Amended</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>
<p>SB 1188 Laird</p>	<p><b>The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b></p>	<p>The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 establishes the continuously appropriated Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide financial assistance for the design and construction of projects for public water systems that will enable those systems to meet safe drinking water standards. Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide up to 100% grant funding, and principal forgiveness and 0% financing on loans, from the fund to a project for a water system that serves a severely disadvantaged community. Current law requires the interest rate for repayable financing provided from the fund to be 0% if the financing is for a public water system that serves a disadvantaged community with a financial hardship or if the financing is for a public water system that provides matching funds. This bill would delete those provisions relating to 0% financing and interest and would instead generally authorize the board, to the extent authorized by federal law, to provide reduced or 0% financing to further the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997.</p>	<p>This bill would delete the requirement that a water system serve a severely disadvantaged community in order to be provided with up to 100% grant funding or principal forgiveness and instead authorize providing that grant funding or principal forgiveness to community water systems more broadly.</p>	<p>ACWA - Support CSDA - Watch</p> <p>Sent to the Governor for Signature</p>

## **Governor Newsom Urged to Sign Turf Replacement Bill**

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP), WaterNow Alliance and a large coalition of other associations and local water agencies are urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign AB 2142 (Gabriel), which would reinstate the California personal tax exemption for turf replacement rebates and help incentivize participation in these important, water saving programs. The bill passed the Senate yesterday and is awaiting the governor's signature.

California law already permanently exempts rebates for water efficient toilets and clothes washers, as well as certain plumbing for recycled water and energy conservation, from both personal and corporate taxes. AB 2142 would reinstate the exemption for turf rebates, which expired in 2019.

## **Officials announce 15-day watering ban for large areas of Los Angeles County**

Officials are urging large areas of Los Angeles County to heed a temporary outdoor watering ban that will begin next week and affect more than 4 million people, as crews make repairs to a leaking major pipeline.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California outlined the 15-day ban at a Tuesday news conference. The watering restrictions begin Sept. 6 and run through Sept. 20, allowing workers to repair the 36-mile Upper Feeder pipeline that supplies water from the Colorado River, one of the two main sources of water for most of Southern California.

The ban is unrelated to critical drought conditions along the Colorado River, which is shrinking to new lows due to climate change and chronic overuse. Residents reliant on the agency's other primary source, the State Water Project, are already under reduced watering limits and are being asked to maintain those schedules during the shutdown.

## Governor Newsom Announces Water Strategy For a Hotter, Drier California

Hotter and drier weather conditions spurred by climate change could reduce California's water supply by up to 10% by the year 2040. To replace and replenish what we will lose to thirstier soils, vegetation, and the atmosphere, Governor Gavin Newsom on Thursday announced California's latest actions to increase water supply and adapt to more extreme weather patterns caused by climate change.

The announcement follows \$8 billion in state investments over the last two years to help store, recycle, de-salt and conserve the water it will need to keep up with the increasing pace of climate change, generating enough water in the future for more than 8.4 million households by 2040.

The actions, outlined in a strategy document published by the Administration called "California's Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future" calls for investing in new sources of water supply, accelerating projects and modernizing how the state manages water through new technology. This approach to California's water supply management recognizes the latest science that indicates the American West is experiencing extreme, sustained drought conditions caused by hotter, drier weather. The warming climate means that a greater share of the rain and snowfall California receives will be absorbed by dry soils, consumed by thirsty plants, and evaporated into the air. This leaves less water to meet the state's needs.

To help make up for the water supplies California could lose over the next two decades, the strategy prioritizes actions to capture, recycle, de-salt and conserve more water. These actions include:

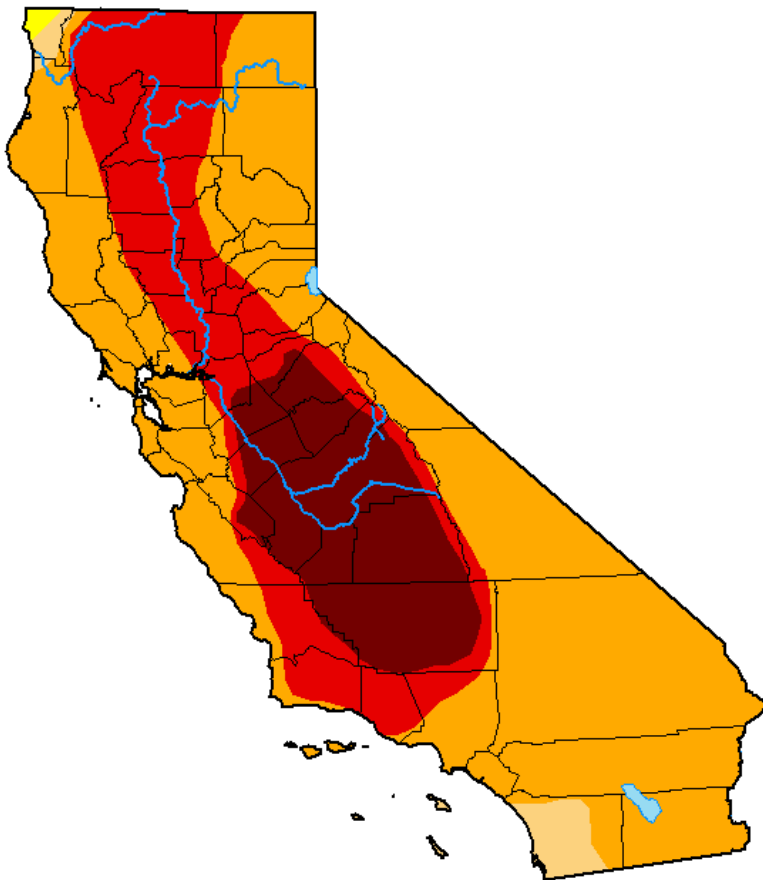
- Creating storage space for up to 4 million acre-feet of water, which will allow us to capitalize on big storms when they do occur and store water for dry periods
- Recycling and reusing at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030, enabling better and safer use of wastewater currently discharged to the ocean.
- Freeing up 500,000 acre-feet of water through more efficient water use and conservation, helping make up for water lost due to climate change.
- Making new water available for use by capturing stormwater and desalinating ocean water and salty water in groundwater basins, diversifying supplies and making the most of high flows during storm events.

These actions are identified broadly in the Newsom Administration's [Water Resilience Portfolio](#) – the state's master plan for water released in 2020 – but they will be expedited given the urgency of climate-driven changes. To advance the infrastructure and policies needed to adapt, the strategy enlists the help of the Legislature to streamline processes so projects can be planned, permitted and built more quickly, while protecting the environment.

# STATE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

## U.S. Drought Monitor California

**August 30, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 1, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	99.76	97.52	40.18	16.57
<b>Last Week</b> 08-23-2022	0.00	100.00	99.76	97.53	43.16	16.57
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-31-2022	0.00	100.00	99.86	97.56	59.81	11.59
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	0.00	100.00	99.30	67.62	16.60	0.84
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-31-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.56	88.37	47.40

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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# SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

## August 2022

# Facebook

## Main KPI's



No. of Followers  
**1,042**  
 +9  
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Reach  
**1,510**  
 -4.3%



Engagement  
**108**



No. of Posts  
**15 posts**

## Top Post

West Valley Water District is with Acquanetta Warren.  
 Published by Mary Jo Hartley · August 15 at 3:41 PM ·

Today, Director Angela Garcia shared WVWD updates and priorities to the Fontana Rotary Club. WVWD is a proud community partner providing water use efficiency programs, rebates and more. To learn more call the Public Affairs department at 909-875-1804.



### Post Impressions

1,067

### Post Engagement

126 interactions

# Instagram

## Main KPI's



No. of Followers  
**1,020**  
 +8



Reach  
**736**  
 +53.9%



Engagement  
 64  
 +10.3%



No. of Posts  
**14 posts**  
**10 stories**  
**2 videos**

## Top Post



mywvwd West Valley Water District (WVWD) wishes all incoming students the best on the upcoming school year!

WVWD values our relationships with our local school districts and welcomes school administration within our service area to reach out to our staff to learn how we can bring water education to your school. For more information, email [social@wvwd.org](mailto:social@wvwd.org) or call the public affairs department at 909-875-1804.

### Post Impressions

296

### Post Engagement

5 interactions

# LinkedIn

## Main KPI's



No. of Followers  
**1,020**  
 8 new followers



Reach/Impressions  
**1,229**



Engagement  
**168**



No. of Posts  
**5 posts**

## Top Post



### Post Impressions

276

### Post Engagement

5 interactions

# Twitter

## Main KPI's



No. of Followers  
**388**  
 +1



Reach/Impressions  
**990**



Engagement  
**53**



No. of Posts  
**17 posts**

## Top Post



### Post impressions

91

### Post Engagement

1 interaction

# Insights

## Key Insights and Highlights

- Engagement with Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren increased post impression on Facebook, garnering 6.2 times more than other posts within 17 days. This shows us that engaging with key stakeholders allows our audience to reach a larger audience.
  - By continuing our efforts to work with partners, like elected officials and community-based organizations, we can work to increase our social media numbers and the reach we have with our messages.
- We continue to see an increase in follower numbers